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Jersey City Armory to Undergo Phase II of Renovations \$1.7 Million in Upgrades to Athletic and Military Facility

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and the **Department of Recreation** are pleased to announce that **Phase II** of the renovations to the **Jersey City Armory**, located at Montgomery Street and Jordan Avenue, are to get underway this week.

The second phase of restoration will consist of improvements in the amount of **\$1.7 million**, secured by the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, for new restrooms on the ground floor and upper tier, two new locker rooms and the installation of mechanical windows on the Montgomery Street side of the Armory. Work is expected to conclude in April of 2009.

“We are pleased to see that the second phase of renovations to the Jersey City Armory are about to get underway,” said **Mayor Healy**. “Anyone who has been to the Armory knows what an improvement has been made there and what a gem we have in the heart of our city. Having a world class recreational facility such as the Jersey City Armory gives our youth a location to play basketball, run track and get involved with a sport.”

Two years ago, approximately **\$3 million** in funds were allocated for various facility upgrades, which included a state-of-the-art running surface, a new basketball court, new displays and models from the scoreboard company Daktronics, Inc., new lighting and a four-sided scoreboard, similar to those used in professional sporting arenas.

When all the renovations are complete, the Jersey City Armory is expected to be the centerpiece of North Jersey athletics, as it will serve as the premier indoor facility in the region hosting track meets and other competitions.

The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs oversees the Jersey City Armory, which is leased to the City of Jersey City from the State. The building is maintained through a co-operative effort between the two government entities. The Jersey City Department of Recreation primarily operates the athletic facility in conjunction with the State.

For more information about the Jersey City Armory, please contact the Jersey City Recreation Department at 201-547-5003.

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